

**St. Runius Churchyard,
Kirk Marown, Isle of Man
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



9950 DRIVER

E. Q. KEWLEY

AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS

28TH SEPTEMBER, 1917 Age 28

Ewan Quine KEWLEY

Ewan Quine Kewley was born on 21st January, 1890 at Douglas, Isle of Man, England to parents Thomas William & Charlotte Jane Kewley (nee Quine).

The 1891 Isle of Man Census listed Ewan Q. Kelwey as a 1 year old, living with his family at 93 Strand Street, Onchan, Douglas, Isle of Man. His parents were recorded as Thomas W. Kewley (House Painter & Car Owner, aged 41, born Marown, Isle of Man) & Charlotte Kewley (aged 35, born Douglas, Isle of Man). Ewan was the youngest of seven children listed on this Census (all born at Douglas, Isle of Man) – Thomas Kewley (Scholar, aged 13), Charles W. Kewley (Scholar, aged 12), George Kewley (Scholar, aged 10), Walter Kewley (Scholar, aged 9), Arthur Kewley (Scholar, aged 5), Gertrude Kewley (aged 3) then Ewan. Also listed was Edward Quine (Charlotte's father – widower, Retired Bootmaker, aged 76) & Margaret Clucas – Servant (aged 16).

The 1901 Isle of Man Census listed Ewan Q. Kewley as an 11 year old, living with his family at 93 Strand Street, Conchan, Douglas, Isle of Man. His parents were recorded as Thomas W. Kewley (Butcher, aged 51) & Charlotte J. Kewley (aged 45). Ewan was one of four children listed on this Census (all born Douglas, Isle of Man) – Thomas E. Kewley (Civil Servant (Soldier), aged 23), Arthur D. Kelwey (Telegraph Messenger, aged 15) then Ewan & Claude J. Kewley (aged 9). Also listed was Elizabeth Quine, (Charlotte's aunt, aged 74).

Ewan Kewley, farmer, aged 19, was listed as a passenger on *Fifeshire* which departed from Liverpool, England on 24th July, 1909 bound for New Zealand. A "Mr E. Kewley" was a passenger of *Fifeshire* which departed from Melbourne to Sydney on 18th September, 1909.

[The 1911 Isle of Man Census listed Thomas Wm. Kewley (Pork Butcher, aged 62) & his wife Charlotte J. Kewley (aged 56). They had been married for 35 years & had 10 children, 8 still living. They only had one son living at home – Eric R. Kewley (Baker & Confectioner, aged 19, Totally Deaf).]

Ewan Quine Kewley was a 26 year old, single, Driver from 61 Lower Campbell Street, Surry Hills, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted on 27th January, 1916 with the 2nd Divisional Train, 16th Army Service Corps, 12th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 9950 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs C. J. Kewley of 93 Strand Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, England. Ewan Kewley stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously enlisted in 1st Battalion, A.I.F. & was in Camp for 5 weeks when he was discharged medically unfit. Ewan Kewley had a tattoo of the Coat of Arms on his left forearm.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Karoo (A10)* on 5th May, 1916 & disembarked at Suez on 7th June, 1916.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was in Isolation Camp at Tel-el-Kebir on 8th June, 1916.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was marched in to Miscellaneous Reinforcements at Tel-el-Kebir on 22nd June, 1916

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley embarked for Overseas with British Expeditionary Force from Alexandria on 2nd August, 1916 on board *Franconia*.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was taken on strength of A.A.S.C. (Australian Army Service Corps) Training Depot from No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 21st August, 1916

Alice Maud Ponting (Friend), later known as Mrs Kewley, of 61 Lower Campbell Street, Surrey Hills, Sydney, NSW was added as the next-of-kin at Driver Kewley's request on 25th September, 1916.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was marched out of A.S.C Training Depot. at Perham Downs on 3rd May, 1917 & was taken on strength with 31st A.S.C. (Army Service Corps) at Windmill Hill on 5th May, 1917.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was marched out A.S.C. Training Depot at Parkhouse, Wiltshire from Windmill Hill on 4th September, 1917.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire with Scabies on 6th September, 1917.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley died at 1.40 am on 28th September, 1917 at Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Meningitis & Pneumonia.

A telegram to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. , from Medical at Tidworth dated 4th October, 1917 reads “ ... regarding late 9950 Dvr. KEWLEY, A.A.S.C., he was treated for scalins with four other men by mixture of lime and sulphurated potash application to KEWLEY resulted in severe burn others not effected. Pneumonia and meningitis developed.”

A death for Evan Q. Kewley, aged 27, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Andover, Hampshire.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was buried on 4th October, 1917 in St. Runius Churchyard, Kirk Marown, Isle of Man – Plot number V.24 (Family Grave). He has a private headstone shared with family members but his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Driver Kewley - *Coffin was good, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was interred privately. All his relatives who reside in the United Kingdom were present at the funeral and they made their own family arrangements. The Administrative Headquarters, were not, in this instance, represented at the funeral. In attendance at the funeral – Mother, Wife and sisters. 93 Strand Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.*

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley had no desire to make a Will – as noted by Estates Branch dated 11th December, 1917. A Letter from Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London to The Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne , dated 6th February, 1918 regarding Driver E. Q. Kewley, A.A.S.C. 9950 reads: “ *The personal effects of the above-named late soldier were forwarded to you under parcel No. 22682, per “A 36” on 10/12/17 for transmission to Miss A. Ponting, c/- A. M. Kewley, 61 Lower Campbell Street, Surry Hills, New South Wales. Subsequent to the despatch of this parcel the deceased’s Will was received and the legatee named therein was Miss A. M. Ponting of 62 Bedford Road, Walton, Liverpool, England....This person now advises that she is returning to Australia immediately and her address will be as previously registered, consequently the effects referred to should be transmitted to her at 61 Lower Campbell Street, Surry Hills, Sydney, New South Wales. For your information it is advised that she is known as Mrs A. M. Kewley.*”

The War Gratuity was paid to the putative wife – Miss A. M. Ponting (known as Mrs Kewley).

Base Records wrote to Mrs A. M. Kewley, 76 Lower Campbell Street, Surry Hills on 18th September, 1922 asking whether there were any nearer blood relations. Another letter was sent to Mrs A. M. Kewley, 61 Lower Campbell Street, Surry Hills on 12th April, 1921 asking for the same information.

Base Records wrote to Mrs A. M. Kewley, 76 Lower Campbell Street, Surry Hills on 18th May, 1923 advising: “ *I have written you on two previous occasions regarding the disposal of the War Medals, etc., issuable on account of the service of the late No. 9950 Driver E. Q. KEWLEY, Army Service Corps, but so far no replies have been received. In the circumstances it is proposed to hand over the items in question to the late soldier’s father, and unless I hear from you within the next twenty-one days arrangements will be made for the mementoes to be despatched to Australia House, London for transmission to Mr Kewley.*” Mrs Kewley replied to Base Records on 7th June, 1923 but did not provide an answer to the request of nearest blood relative but advised that the Medal could be forwarded to her address a 76 Lower Campbell St, Surry Hills. No proof of marriage was produced.

Driver Ewan Quine Kewley was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. The British War Medal it was decided would be sent Driver Kewleys’ father along with the Memorial Scroll – signed for by Mr Thomas Wm. Kewley on 13th September, 1923. The Memorial Plaque & Brochure “Where the Australians Rest” was sent to Miss Ponting (known as Mrs Kewley) in August, 1923. Mrs Kewley was sent two photographs of the grave of the late Driver E. Q. Kewley in February, 1919.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Ewan Quine Kewley – service number 9950, aged 27, of 31st Coy., Australian Army Service Corps. He was the son of Thomas and Charlotte Kewley. Born in the Isle of Man.

E. Kewley & his brother Sergeant Charles W. Kewley are remembered on the Douglas War Memorial, Isle of Man, located on Loch Promenade.



Douglas War Memorial, Isle of Man (Photo by David Dixon)



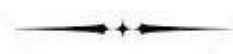
Driver E. Q. Kewley is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

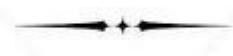
(74 pages of Driver Ewan Quine Kewley's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



[Connected to Driver Ewan Quine Kewley:](#)

Older Brother – Sergeant Charles William Kewley, 211, 1st Field Coy, Australian Engineers. Died 1st September, 1915 of Pneumonia. Buried in Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery, Victoria.



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

KEWLEY – In loving memory of Sergeant Charles W. Kewley, wounded at the Dardanelles, and died on his way home, Sept. 1, 1915, of pneumonia.

Far from those who loved him,

In a hero's grave he lies.

Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Ewan (on active service) and Maud Kewley, Isle of Man papers please copy.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 1 September, 1916)

On Active Service

KEWLEY – In loving memory of my dear husband, Ewan, who died while on active service, September 28, 1917.

He left behind an aching heart,
That loved him ever dear –
One that never shall forget
His memory written here.
Days of sadness still come o'er me,
Hidden, secret tears still flow,
For memory keeps my darling near me,
Though he died one year ago.

Inserted by his loving wife, M. Kewley.

KEWLEY – In loving memory of our dear friend, Driver Ewan Kewley, died on active service, September 28, 1917.

One year has passed, and none can tell
The loss of a friend we loved so well.

Mr and Mrs Jenson and family

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 28 September, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

KEWLEY – In loving memory of my dear husband, Ewan, who died at Dehli Hospital, September 28, 1917. Not forgotten by his loving wife, M. Kewley.

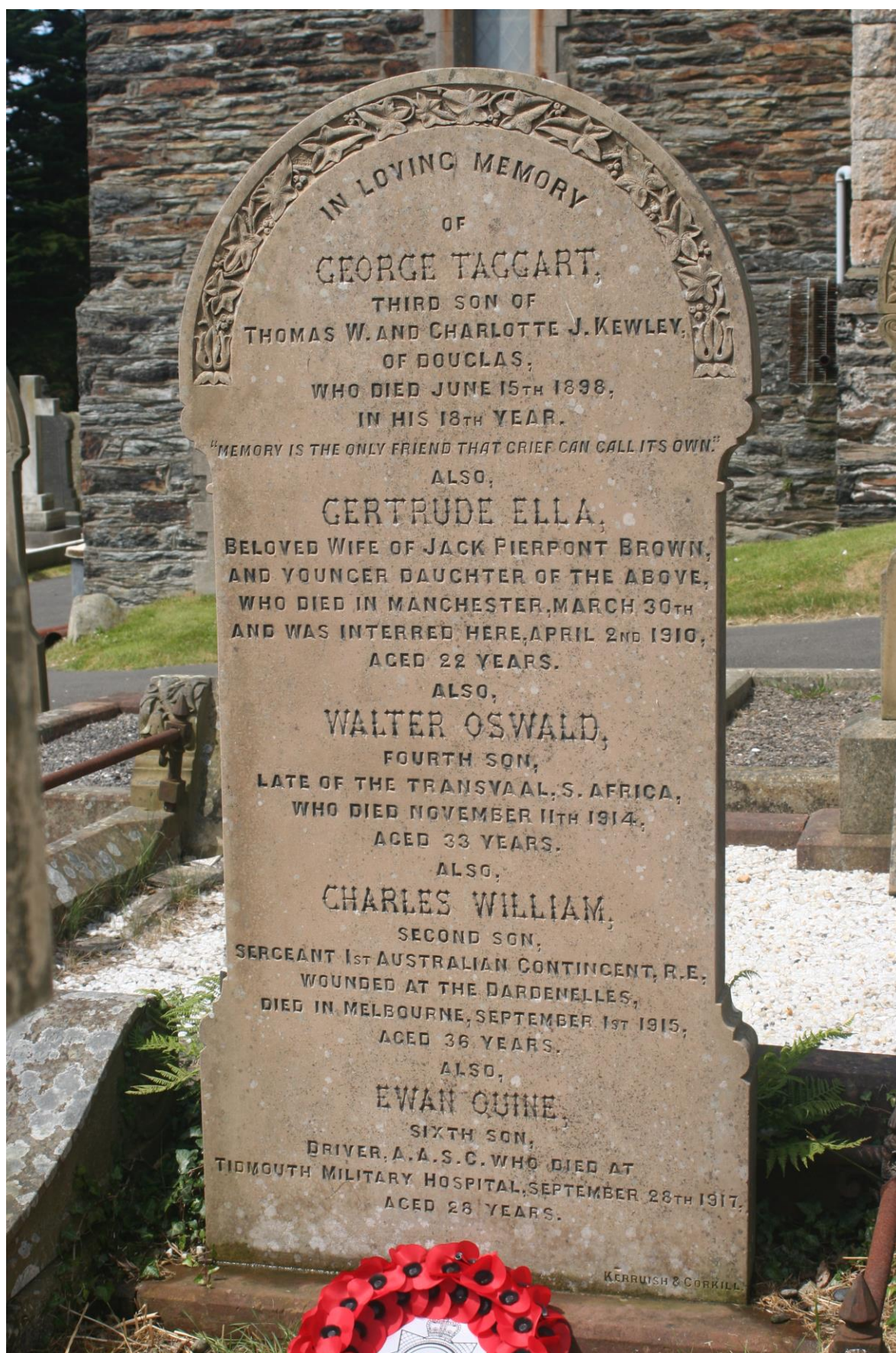
KEWLEY – In loving memory of our dear brother-in-law, Ewan, who died at Dehli Hospital, September 28, 1917. Sadly missed by his sisters-in-law, F. Belshaw and P. Nolen.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 29 September, 1919)

St. Runius Churchyard, Kirk Marown, Isle of Man, England

St. Runius Churchyard, Kirk Marown, Isle of Man, England contains 6 Commonwealth War Graves, 4 connected to World War 1 & 2 from World War 2. There is only 1 Australian Forces burial.

Photo of Driver Ewan Quine Kewley's Private Headstone in St. Runius Churchyard, Kirk Marown, Isle of Man, England. He does not have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone as he is included on the family headstone.



(Photos courtesy of Bruce Kirkham & Peter Killey)



EWAN QUINE

SIXTH SON

DRIVER, A.A.S.C. WHO DIED AT

TIDMOUTH MILITARY HOSPITAL, SEPTEMBER 28th 1917

AGED 28 YEARS

(NOTE: - Tidmouth is incorrect – it should be Tidworth)